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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICAN RELATIONS WITH CAE & CONGO

1. JOEL BARKAN, THE ISRAELI ADVISOR TO EMPEROR BOKASSA, CALLED ON ME JUNE 22 TO BRIEF ME ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA'S RELATIONS WITH THE CONGO AND THE CAE. BARKAN SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN IN BRAZZAVILLE LAST WEEK WHERE HE SAW PRESIDENT YHOMBI. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE PRESENTED A SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION TO YHOMBI AND TO HAVE NEGOTIATED A SOUTH AFRICAN AID PROGRAM. BARKAN SATED THAT THE AID WOULD BE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PRE-FABRICATED HOUSES. THE PROJECT IN THE CONGO, HE SAID, WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY LARGER THAN THE SIMILAR 500 HOUSE-5 MILLION DOLLAR SOUTH AFRICAN PROGRAM IN THE CAE.

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE CAR BARKAN CLAIMS TO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED A NEW CREDIT OF DOLLARS 12 MILLION FOR THE BANGUI HOTEL PROJECT. THE LOAN WILL BE GUARANTEED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. BARKAN EXPLICITLY STATED THAT AS PART OF THE AGREEMENT INTERCONTINENTAL WILL MANAGE THE HOTEL. A GROUP OF TWELVE SOUTH AFRICAN ENGINEERS ARE DUE IN BANGUI IN JULY TO SUPERVISE CONSTRUCTION.

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3. COMMENT: BARKAN, WHO FREQUENTLY RADIATES UNJUSTIFIED OPTIMISM, WAS MORE POSITIVE THAN EVER BEFORE ON THE LIKELIHOOD OF INTERCONTINENTAL COMING TO BANGUI. HE PREDICTS A FORMAL ANNOUNCLMENT IN TWO WEEK'S TIME. WE WILL REPORT IF AND WHEN IT IS MADE.

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